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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **First day of issue, 25 October 2007: "Space for Humanity" stamps and souvenir sheets and 2007 annual collection folders**

Commemorative stamps and souvenir sheets

1. On Thursday, 25 October 2007, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "Space for Humanity". The stamps and souvenir sheets were designed by Donato Giancola.

2. The stamps, in a mini-sheet format of six stamps on each sheet, will be issued in denominations of $0.41, $0.90, SwF 1.00, SwF 1.80, €0.65 and €1.15. The three souvenir sheets will be issued in denominations of $1.00, SwF 3.00 and €2.10. In conjunction with World Space Week 2007, a special overprinted souvenir sheet, in the denomination of $1.00, will also be issued on 25 October 2007. An ultraviolet luminescent mark is incorporated on both the stamps and the souvenir sheets.

(United States equivalents: SwF 1.00: $0.82; SwF 1.80: $1.48; SwF 3.00: $2.46; €0.65: $0.87; €1.15: $1.55; and €2.10: $2.83, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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Space for Humanity — fiftieth anniversary of the space age

3. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week would be held each year from 4 to 10 October. According to the General Assembly, the purpose of World Space Week is to encourage, educate people about and support space exploration and to celebrate annually at the international level the contribution that space science and technology can make to the betterment of the human condition. The theme for World Space Week 2007 is "50 years in space". For more information about World Space Week and its related activities, please visit www.spaceweek.org.

2007 annual collection folders

4. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2007 will also be released on Thursday, 25 October 2007. It should be noted that the 2007 Flag series stamps, the 2007 Endangered Species series stamps and the 2007 Coin and Flag series stamps **will not** be included in the individual New York, Geneva or Vienna annual collection folders. They are contained in their own separate albums, previously issued in February, March and May 2007, respectively.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 25 October 2007, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.